

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
PESCADERO STATE BEACH  
FOR THE ECOLOGICAL FUNCTION PROJECT**

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has directed the preparation of, and intends to adopt a Negative Declaration for, the proposed project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. DPR is the lead agency for the proposed project under CEQA.

**Project Location:** Pescadero State Beach, San Mateo County, California

**Description of the Proposed Project:**

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (California State Parks) proposes to issue a Right of Entry permit to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Restoration Center to conduct the proposed Lagoon Ecological Function Project at Pescadero State Beach. The NOAA Restoration Center, in conjunction with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, propose to manually breach the Pescadero lagoon sand bar up to two times between September 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012. The work will consist of excavating a channel through the sandbar at the mouth of Pescadero Creek using hand tools. The channel for the breach, which will extend from the ocean to the edge of the lagoon, will measure approximately 75 feet long, three feet wide and 1-foot below the lagoon water surface elevation. This project is an attempt to maintain sufficient water quality in the lagoon and reduce the likelihood of a fish kill during the natural breaching of the lagoon.

**Public Review Period:**

An Initial Study/Negative Declaration has been prepared by California State Parks evaluating the potential environmental effects of this project proposal. It is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 20 days, beginning August 16, 2012.

Your views and comments on this project are welcomed. Written comments should be submitted to the following address:

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Copies of the Initial Study/Negative Declaration may be reviewed at the following locations during normal business hours:

Half Moon Bay State Beach  
95 Kelly Avenue  
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

Half Moon Bay Library  
620 Correias Street  
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

California Department of Parks & Recreation  
Santa Cruz District Hq.  
303 Big Trees Park Road  
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